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Daniels presents new book

HOLYOKE – Join us as Rebecca Daniels reads from and discusses the making of her new book, *Keeping the Lights on for Ike: Daily Life of a Utilities Engineer at AFHQ in Europe During WWII; or, What to Say in Letters Home When You're Not Allowed to Write about the War*.

Daniels's book, a memoir about her parents' courtship and marriage while her father was deployed in Algeria, Italy, and Europe, is based on her extensive collection of family correspondence and photographs. A love story at its heart, the book is enriched by her meticulous

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'Bee' at home event raises money for HH

HOLYOKE – It was time to spell again for the success of Holyoke children, but this year, success was spelled with the 'Bee At Home' event.

The fifth annual Spelling Bee to benefit Homework House of Holyoke was held virtually on April 30, 2020 due to the Covid virus. The Bee at Home fundraiser proved to be the most rewarding Bee in the history of the annual event.

The Bee At Home event was played by both children and adults from the safety of their homes. They engaged in 42 spelling bee questions through Zoom. Challenging bee questions were presented in true/false, open-ended, and multiple-choice formats and included words such as

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Thompson takes helm at McMahon

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Schools announced the following: We are pleased to announce that Ms. Rebecca Thompson will be the new principal of Lt Elmer J. McMahon Elementary School beginning on July 1, 2020. For the last 13 years, Ms. Thompson has served as a teacher, instructional coach and school leader. She began her career in

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Future teachers honored at 'Signing day'

By Shelby Macri
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HOLYOKE – Teacher's are the base of the school system, and Holyoke Public Schools wanted to honor students pursuing education careers in the future. The School system started a Future Teacher Signing Day Ceremony last year as a way to honor high school seniors who are majoring in Education in their future colleges.

The Signing Day ceremony is similar to an athlete signing but recognizes teachers instead. The ceremony started last year and four seniors signed at first, this year six students signed in order to be highlighted and recognized for their career path. The letter that the seniors signed stated that the future teachers would have a guaranteed spot in the High School if they return, and they would be entered as first stage development rather than brand new teachers.

This signing is for seniors at both North and Dean campus of the Holyoke High School, and includes jobs for both campuses as well. Last year the ceremony was held in person, and due to recent COVID-19 regu-

lations an in-person ceremony was not plausible. Instead there was a virtual ceremony through Zoom, where the six seniors signed the letter on camera. The letter was made and then signed by Superintendent Stephen Zrike, before being mailed to each senior so they could sign their appropriate letter on camera.

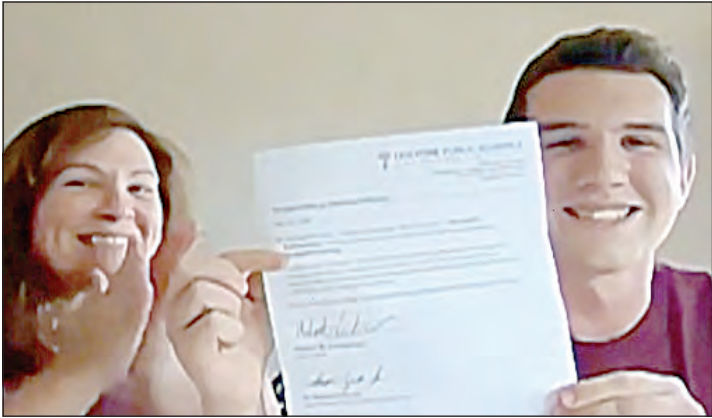
Along with the signing, Superintendent Zrike spoke during the ceremony as did High School Principle Stephen Mahoney. Each senior had a

representative from their future school attend the ceremony, and further guests included Mayor Alex Morse, State representative Aaron Vega and more members of the Holyoke School Committee. This is an important ceremony to honor the

seniors' commitment to continuing their education and in return giving back to their community.

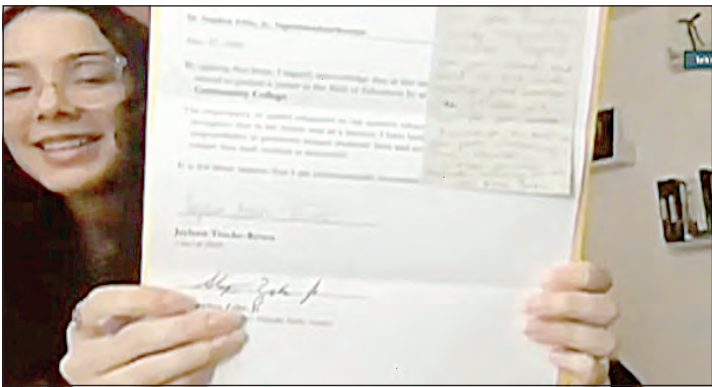
Staff member Kelly Curran put together the online ceremony and helped to draft the letter that was signed. "It's really important to encourage those seniors dedicated to becoming teachers, because teaching is really hard and really import-

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Michelle Lukasiewicz and her son Michael R. Lukasiewicz, who signed as a future teacher.

Submitted photos



Jeyleen Troche-Rivera shows her signed letter for the Future Teacher Signing Day Ceremony.



Jeyleen Troche-Rivera and her mother Brenda Rivera during the Virtual Future Teacher Signing Day Ceremony.

THE 'NEW NORMAL' BIRTHDAY PARTY



Tate and Piper Sullivan wave to their great grandfather, Roger Reidy, Sr. as they participate in Reidy's birthday parade last Sunday afternoon on Pheasant Drive. More photos on page 12.

Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Citizen zone-change proposal heard

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – City business is still continuing as the Holyoke Planning Board was the latest to hold a virtual meeting this week.

Among the matters discussed was a public hearing for a citizen petition to change the zoning of three properties on Northampton Street.

Jim Fitzgerald, a resident of the street, asked the city council to re-zone the three properties from Business-Highway to Residential Two.

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HCC RN student works under shadow of Covid-19



Tallon Tomasi worked on the front lines to help people with COVID-19. She is a nursing student at HCC.

Submitted photo

HOLYOKE – Amid the nagging anxiety, the routine provides some comfort: the vigorous hand-washing, temperature and oxygen checks, questions about travel and possible exposure, another round of hand-washing, and finally the donning of personal protective equipment – the gown, the gloves, the mask, the face shield.

Every time she starts a shift as an LPN in the dementia unit at the Leavitt Family Jewish Home in Longmeadow, Tallon Tomasi knows she's at risk. That's what life is like now, working under the shadow of Covid-19.

"Some people are scared, you know, because nobody wants to get sick," said the 26-year-old Holyoke resident and graduating RN student at Holyoke Community College. "Nobody wants to bring it home to their families and nobody likes to see their patients not doing well. Nobody knows how long this is going to go on. Nobody knows. It's

difficult, in that sense, but everybody is trying to remain calm and be optimistic and provide the best care they can."

Tomasi is one of 32 HCC students who will graduate this spring with their associate of science degrees in nursing. The nursing class of 2020 will have a virtual pinning ceremony on May 28.

Nursing homes nationwide have been some of the hardest hit places – "hot spots." At Leavitt, for example, a skilled nursing and long-term rehabilitation facility with hundreds of beds, "Everybody lives in close proximity," said Tallon, "and you need to get close to provide good care."

The risks are real. According to a family letter posted on the JGS Lifecare website, 21 residents at the Leavitt Jewish Home had died from COVID-19 as of April 10; and more than half of the nearly 300 tests conducted on residents and staff there up to that point had returned positive results, though many of

those tested were asymptomatic.

"When we first heard that we had it here, it felt like doomsday," Tallon said.

Patients were quickly quarantined by floor and later by room. One of the hardest parts is the no-visitors policy, though staff do facilitate phone calls and Facetime sessions for residents with their families.

Tallon credits facility managers for swiftly enacting strict safety protocols that give her peace of mind, and she appreciates the extra hazard pay and free groceries she receives from her employer.

The experience has not at all deterred her from her career goal of working in public health. As evident with the Covid-19 pandemic, she notes, treatment is often more expensive than prevention.

"I want to do something to help people stay healthy," Tomasi said, "to educate people about how to protect themselves."

Bingo is back by popular demand

HOLYOKE – After overwhelmingly positive response, community members have asked us to host another At Home Family Bingo Night. Tune in through Facebook Live on Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke page on Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. to play. Please note that we worked out the tech kinks this time around.

Club Bingo boards are available with a suggested donation of \$10 or more until 1PM on 6/4. All Bingo Board Cards will be e-mailed to you by June 5, 2020

at 1 p.m. Please note that the same card will be utilized for all games that evening. For questions about registration, contact cbevan@hbgc.org or call 413-534-7366 ext. 125.

Thank you for you for playing Virtual Bingo and most importantly reminding our children and families of an important message - Hope Is Not Cancelled.

To register, go to <https://www.hbgc.org/index.php/en/news-events/family-bingo>.

Share your stories of staying at home

The Holyoke Sun wants to know how you're coping with the coronavirus closures and how they've changed all of our lives — no school, no work, social distancing and staying at home.

We can't meet our neighbors in the schoolyards, playing fields or workplaces of Holyoke, but we can all share a few snapshots of what life's like with the kids in the house and the home office working overtime. Take a minute to send in an update on how you're doing, what fun enrichment activities the kids have been up to, or anything else that's made the past two weeks a special time in your home. Include full names of the writer or photographer, and anyone visible in

each photo. We'll print the best entries in next week's newspaper, and in subsequent weeks as the state of emergency continues. The best way to contact us is at thesun@turley.com.

We would also be glad to publish Holyoke children's artwork, essays or photos created during the school closure. Include the creator's full name, age, and school attended.

For all submissions, also include a telephone number and email address. We won't publish this information, but may use it to verify identities or ask follow-up questions.

Stay safe out there — and let us know how you're doing!

Springfield Team Hope Walk goes virtual

SPRINGFIELD – The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America announced it will host the Springfield Virtual Team Hope Walk Saturday, May 30. Registration is free.

Team Hope is HDSEA's largest grassroots fundraising event, which takes place in more than 100 cities across the country and raising more than \$14 million since its inception in 2007. Thousands of families, friends and supporters walk to support the Society's mission to improve the lives of those affected by Huntington's disease.

"The virtual walk in Springfield has

the potential of being exciting," Kinser Cancelmo, event coordinator and Chapter board member, said. "Let's see how creative we can get."

A virtual walk is a real walk, but completed on individual terms. Participants get to choose their course, like one's own driveway, neighborhood or home treadmill.

For more information, contact Cancelmo at 413-265-5176 or email kcancelm@springfieldcollege.edu. Registration and donation information is available online at hdsa.org/thwspringfield.

Summer learning to be offered at schools

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Public Schools will be offering Summer Learning Academies to HPS students in rising grades 1 through 9. The program will run from July 7 to Aug. 6. Please register your child as soon as possible as space will be limited. In the event that social distancing is extended beyond the school year and into the summer, HPS will offer the sum-

mer learning programs virtually. Please reach out to the Department of Extended Learning, Anthony Gibbs agibbs@hps.holyoke.ma.us or Michelle Macklin mmacklin@hps.holyoke.ma.us if you have any questions regarding summer programming. Stay tuned for high school summer offering announcements which are forthcoming.

Audit calls on university to ensure contractors pay prevailing wage

BOSTON – A recent audit by State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump found the University of Massachusetts Building Authority could not verify that employees of contractors who worked on public projects were paid the appropriate prevailing wage.

The audit, which examined the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, also looked at UMBA's processes for reviewing and approving capital projects, monitoring payments and change orders, and completion and closeout of contracts and found no deficiencies in these areas.

Nearly half of the employee payroll records reviewed by Bump's office (1,608 out of 3,344) had job classifications for contractor employees that did not match the Division of Labor Standards' prevailing wage rate sheets, making it impossible to determine whether these employees were paid the appropriate prevailing wage. Of the remaining employees reviewed by Bump's office, approximately 5 percent (90 employees) were paid less than the required prevailing wage.

"The UMass Building Authority is responsible for ensuring employees working on its public projects are paid fairly and accurately. While many of the areas we examined showed no deficiencies, it's clear the authority must establish better employee payroll monitoring

processes. Failure to do so will mean some workers could be short-changed when working on public projects," Bump said of the audit.

The Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law for public works projects requires contractors to pay the prevailing wage. Prevailing wages are the minimum hourly rates set by DLS for job classifications. UMBA contracts with owner's project managers to maintain and monitor records of compliance with the Prevailing Wage Law.

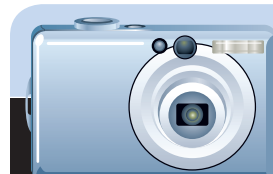
The audit calls on UMBA to establish a payroll policy that includes a documented process for its owner's project managers to follow to effectively detect, investigate and report any contractors who may not be complying with the state's prevailing wage law. The audit recommends UMBA establish monitoring controls to ensure OPMs consistently adhere to the established process.

UMBA is an independent public body responsible for overseeing public works construction projects on the University of Massachusetts' five campuses (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and the Worcester Medical School). The UMBA board of directors consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor. During the audit period, UMBA had 83 projects in various stages of construction, on which it spent approximately \$614 million.

Schools seek learning center grant

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Public Schools, Department of Extended Learning & Professional Development intends to apply for the Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers FY21 Exemplary Programs Grant. The purpose of the grant funding is to support the Connections After School Program and Summer Program at McMahon School by increasing the motivation to learn through culturally responsive, interactive, relevant, and engaging programming that includes high quality Project Based Learning (PBL) that is aligned to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's goals and strategies. Lt. Elmer J. McMahon School will be applying for Practicing Status for a

total grant award of up to \$119,212.50. The after-school program for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in early October and end in May. More specific details on start and end dates will be published at a later date. If awarded funding to continue supporting the 21st Century Community Learning Center at McMahon School, Holyoke Public Schools will notify the community through publication in the Holyoke Sun, the Holyoke Public Schools district website, Facebook, Holyoke Highlights, the district Buzz to all principals and administrators, and other relevant platforms or publications deemed appropriate by the Director of Extended Learning and Director of Communications.



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Holyoke student named in Letters About Literature Awards

HOLYOKE – Massachusetts Center for the Book is pleased to announce another successful year in its flagship program for young people, Letters About Literature (LAL), a reading and writing initiative that invites students from Grades 4 to 12 to write letters to authors about the books that have had profound effects on them.

The Center received thousands of submissions from all corners of the Commonwealth, continuing our tradition as one of the most robust LAL programs in the country. In fact, this year the program saw a 25 percent increase in participation, a fitting way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of LAL in Massachusetts.

Clare S. Kurtzman of Holyoke, a sixth grader at Lander-Grinspoon Academy, wrote a thoughtful and personal letter to Raina Telgemeier about Guts, recognized as an Honors submission in the Level I category.

Representative Paul Murtry (11th Norfolk), House Chairperson of the Joint

Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, has joined Massachusetts Center for the Book in a virtual commendation of the students.

“I’m pleased to congratulate all the students on their outstanding achievement,” Murtry stated. “I’m grateful to the Mass Center for the Book for offering an imaginative cultural program that combines the joys of books, reading and writing and opens the minds of students, allowing for a small glimpse into the thinking of the next generation - our future looks bright.”

Sharon Shaloo, Executive Director of the Center, joined Murtry in the accolades. “As we send our congratulations, we also send our thanks to these students and their peers for sharing their personal and reflective explorations of the literary imagination and its impact on their lives,” said Shaloo. “We are proud to administer this program in collaboration with the many teachers and parents throughout the commonwealth who sup-

port book culture among young readers.”

Judges in the 2020 program were Arlington resident Tom Formicola, Executive Director of Arlington Center for the Arts; Beverly resident Deborah Lang Froggatt, Director of Boston Public Schools Library Services; and Williamstown resident Carrie Waara, Professor of History (retired), Castleton University (VT). They were supported by a team of screeners from the School of Library and Information Sciences at Simmons University, Boston. The Center thanks all of them for their insights.

The Massachusetts Center for the Book, chartered as the Commonwealth Affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is a public-private partnership charged with developing, supporting and promoting cultural programming that advances the cause of books and reading and enhances the outreach potential of Massachusetts public libraries.



Clare S. Kurtzman, of Holyoke, a sixth grader, received a Letters About Literature award
Submitted photo

Applications accepted for business aid

Applications are still being accepted for the Covid-19 Holyoke Business Emergency Operations Grant Program, administered by the city of Holyoke and Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, using Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funds should be used by businesses to help them remain open, retain employees, or adapt business operations remotely or online during the public health emergency. Grant funds can be used for equipment and technology, consultant fees, payroll, inventory, and rent and utilities, if attempts to have these costs modified or deferred have been unsuccessful. The funds cannot be used for the business owner’s own salary or pay, personal purchases, paying off debts, or any items purchased before the grant is approved.

Businesses must meet one of the following HUD eligibility requirements:

- Owned by a low- or moderate-income household
- Employ full-time at least one full-time equivalent low- or moderate-income person
- Provide a service (like a restaurant or grocery store) in a primarily

residential neighborhood where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- or moderate-income.

All applicants must be for-profit businesses located in Holyoke that were in operation as of Jan. 20, 2020.

Applications are available now, and will be reviewed weekly until all funds are committed. The review committee consists of representatives from the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, the city of Holyoke, and EforAll Holyoke.

A total of \$90,000 is available for business grants. While there is no specific maximum request amount, resources are extremely limited and the city will seek to maximize the community impact of this fund. More program details and an electronic application that can be completed online are available at covid19ghcc.wixsite.com/businessresources/funding.

For more information, contact Chamber Executive Director Andrea Marion at andrea@holyokechamber.com, or Alicia Zoeller at the Holyoke Office of Community Development, zoeller@holyoke.org.

The Chamber of Commerce has also compiled a list of other resources for businesses during the coronavirus state of emergency, at covid19ghcc.wixsite.com/businessresources.

Blood donors needed to keep supply strong amid COVID-19 outbreak

In times of need, people come together to support one another. The American Red Cross is asking for healthy individuals to step up to help patients experiencing health crises by donating blood or platelets.

As COVID-19 continues to affect everyday life, people may not be thinking about blood donation. But blood and platelets are needed daily to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. Donating blood is an easy way to care for each other and ensure hospitals have the blood products patients rely on.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, all who come to give blood or platelets May 15-31 will receive a special Red Cross “We’re all in this together” T-shirt, by mail, while supplies last. Donors must have a valid email address on file to claim their T-shirt.

Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate this May by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 800-733-2767 or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Amazon Echo device. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior

to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Blood donation opportunities are available daily Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive in Springfield, now through May 31.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control and additional precautions – including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

The Red Cross is also looking for blood drive hosts to help ensure a stable blood supply. Learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17-years-of-age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18-years-of-age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.



Festa 2020 canceled due to pandemic

LUDLOW – Our Lady of Fatima Parish on May 25th announced that Festa 2020, originally scheduled for Sept. 4 – 7, has been canceled.

“It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we must announce that Festa 2020 has been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,” the parish wrote on its Facebook page. “This was by no means an easy decision. We waited as long as possible to

make this decision and our window of opportunity has closed.

“Unfortunately, neither the state government, local government and, of course, the virus itself, offer any guarantee that we would be able to host this large event. Your safety is the utmost priority. We ask for your understanding and prayers that we can return in full for Festa 2021. God bless and be safe.”

Urgent Care offering antibody testing

WILBRAHAM – Antibody testing for the novel coronavirus is now available at Urgent Care of Wilbraham, the facility announced.

The facility has instituted safety protocols including pre-screening, online registration, restricted facility access and ongoing disinfection measures.


“In these uncertain times, patients are looking for safe options to obtain medical care and to learn whether

they have had exposure to the novel coronavirus,” said Dr. Rock-Jean Guillaume, owner and medical director. “Our COVID-19 antibody test will allow patients to know if they have developed antibodies and an immune response.”

Pre-registration is required and may be scheduled online at www.urgentcareofwilbraham.com. For more information, call the facility at 599-3800.

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Guest Column

Parades, participants and spectators

By Joan E. B. Coombs



Parades arrive in all shapes and sizes as each procession publically celebrate a holiday, a significant day, or an event. The fanfare shows appreciation whether it's performed miles high in the sky with an aircraft flyover, or winding through hometown's streets, or performed by imaginative children playing parade in backyards.

Every parade has participants who are members and contributors. They march in bands, groups, carry banners, ride on floats, and drive vehicles! Many hours of sacrificial work is given behind the scenes making sure that the upfront participants and their displays are successful.

Parades happen so that spectators can enjoy seeing and hearing the day's celebration. Each onlooker learns about the involvement and team spirit that an organization or a community extends to put on the event.

Due to the global pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, and its unique contagion-spread concerns, most or all holiday parades had to be cancelled worldwide. Although this is extremely disappointing to all who watch and appreciate parades with bands and banners, twirlers and dancers, floats and boats, community emergency response vehicles, national and local clubs, religious groups and civic associations.

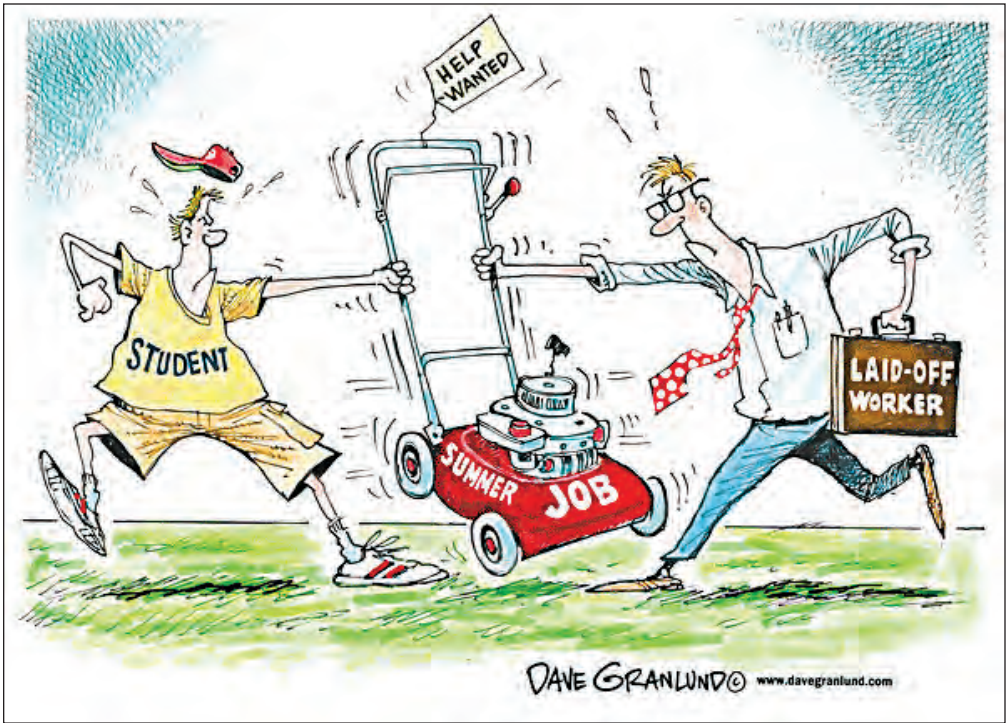
Especially over holiday weekends, many families living in small towns travel to cities, to visit family. For decades a young family drove hundreds of miles for memory-making times with grandparents and great grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who lived in Pittsburgh, PA. Back-yard cookouts. Games. Giggles. Yesteryear stories, and always reminiscing about when the adults were young and how they marched and played instruments in Pittsburgh's huge city-street parades.

That was then. This is now a new normal. Parades--although on a much smaller scale--are thankfully happening today.

Consider the applause, cheering and hope-filled music playing nationwide in hospital corridors as recovered COVID-19 patients parade toward exit doors to re-enter the outside world and re-join their awaiting motorcade of family and friends!

Reflect about the recent aircraft flyovers honoring medical front-line workers and all hospital crews by flying over municipal hospital sites! Think about the recent Memorial Day flyover and the high-sky parade honoring and recognizing our greater Pioneer Valley

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Guest Column

Another favorite fragrant flower

It's safe to say that peonies played a pretty important role in my childhood and what would turn out to be a blossoming love of horticulture. Because my birthday is in early June, we have numerous snapshots of yours truly blowing out the candles with a bouquet of frilly pink flowers in the background. My mom still has the two original plants growing near her porch, and they date back to her grandmother who grew them in the 1930s. Although the flowers fall into the old-fashioned category, they continue to be popular in modern gardens because of their fragrance and form, not to mention their longevity. Here are some tips to keep your peonies thriving for years to come.

Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure. Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.



Mail order plants usually arrive bare root. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting. When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types, will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished.

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Zig Ziglar

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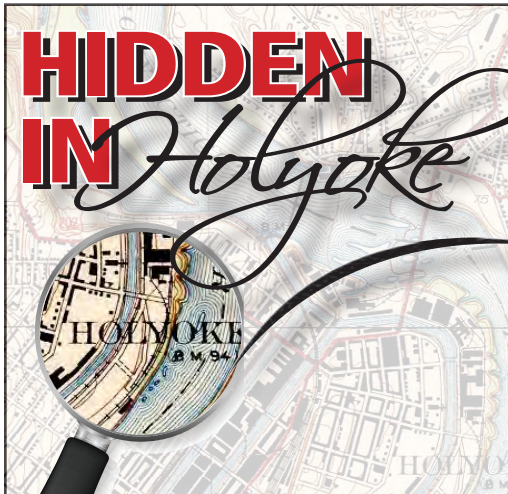
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Each week, The Holyoke Sun will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact The Holyoke Sun at 413-283-8398.



Last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was the Holyoke Water Power Co. building, Boat Lock Station, 28 Gate House Road.

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Middle-weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

My mom is anxious to share her grandmother's plants. No doubt I will be doing some dividing come September. I look forward to having a few of these family heirlooms in my garden for my girls to cherish as I did.



Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Poetry Corner

Time...Too Soon – Eternity

*If the World could speak
And man could listen in meek
Hearts would be happy and free.
Yes, the World and its creatures... Be
Are looking at us – Encyclical destruction
And our time will depart soon... deduction.
It will not being the Us leaving
It will be the Earth leaving us.
The Earth speed up beyond change
The Earth has told us what you done
Your time is up my friend
But you not mine or the creatures
Brought the end.
I must move on, I can't reverse what you done.
Scientist have told the facts
Alarming Truths –
You forgot others and the laws – Too aloof
Keeping you balanced.
You set bad example for each generation
Only few had caring compassion...
I wish I could say it can be reversed
And that is up to you.
You forgot every right – Equal responsibilities too.
Your contribution has fallen short,
You know when greatness falls.
Cherish moments call to action
You are a steward of TRUTH
Why didn't You have reverence
For others Earth creatures needs...
Start again... With good deeds.
And just pray... Your today.*

PARADES, from page 4

military veterans who fought during wars and paying the highest price for our freedoms!

Parades are heartwarming. They bring overflowing gratitude trickling down our cheeks.

During past spring months, motorcade parades with balloons, banners, streamers and well-wishers have been

celebrating life events. Caravanning cars honked their horns over highways, through streets, and around neighborhoods for anniversaries, birthdays, Mother's Day, and for 2020's school and college graduations!

Recently a family sat social-distanced, in the open-air of a grandparent's backyard. Suddenly, about a neighborhood away, a horn-honking motorcade began honoring a resident--an apparently

retired civil servant. Enthusiastic observers rose from their lawn chairs! They saw cars, motorcycles, a K-9 police car, and a fire engine drive by! Then as a finale, a police car's loud speaker boomed "Happy Birthday!" As it passed- a single, lone person could be seen--waving from a wheelchair, in that area's empty parking lot. Although momentary, for spectators that precious memory will last a lifetime.

Yes: wellsprings of overflowing gratitude seep when well-wishers parade love.

Parades are fun to participate in. It's a privilege to contribute to and to observe the actions of love, honor and celebration. It's especially meaningful when others enthusiastically join in from their vehicles, and outside porches. And, yes--even jump up from lawn chairs as parade participants and spectators.

From The Front

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ant." Curran said. "It's a really positive and rewarding career and there has been a lot of negative light on teachers recently, I think this ceremony will help encourage future teachers as well as building incentive to other students to pursue this career." Curran feels that if student athletes can be honored in this way then future teachers can as well and deserve to be.

In addition to the signing ceremony the high school is putting together an after-school club to highlight the education career and build excitement for it as a career. High School teacher Dana Altshuler is working with middle school teachers, and a UMass graduate to put the after-school club

together. The club is called the Future Teachers club and although it will only be offered in High School at first, Curran expressed her hope for it to be established in Middle Schools one day. Curran said the event was a success.

"Now that it's established, I hope it grows," said Curran. "We need more teachers and students from Holyoke to be teachers in Holyoke."

The students who signed this year's letter includes Michael R. Lukasiewicz attending Springfield College, Rashel Mateo attending Westfield State University, Felicity Ortiz attending Holyoke Community College, Jose Pacheco attending Elms College, Victor Rodriguez Jr. attending Holyoke Community College, and Jeyleen Troche-Rivera attending Holyoke Community College.

CITIZEN, from page 1

The properties, owned by Michael J. Kane of East Longmeadow, hopes to sell the parcels at some point for development, and opposes the zone change.

Fitzgerald's request to change the properties to residential is because he, and the 37 other residents who signed his petition, believe business development would hurt the stormwater runoff in the area.

A hearing on the matter was scheduled in February, but Kane said he received no notification of the hearing. While the city council ultimately rules on any zone changes, they are sent to the Planning Board for a public hearing and a recommendation from the board. The Ordinance Committee would then evaluate the request themselves and make a recommendation to the full body of the city council.

Kane's attorney, John Driscoll,

decried the re-zone proposal, saying it goes against the city trying to encourage economic development of the area. There have been numerous planning proposals to try and bring businesses to Northampton Street between the Lynch School and entrances to Interstate 91. Several different project proposals have failed at the Planning Board or city council levels for votes.

One of Kane's properties as along the on-ramp to the highway. There is also an access to Route 141 heading toward Easthampton.

An attorney for Fitzgerald and the petitioners said the business designation dated back to the 1950's, but he believed residential was the most appropriate zoning for the properties.

The hearing was closed with no further arguments and the Board will be discussing the proposal again on June 9 at 5:30 p.m.

BEE, from page 1

espadrilles, copybara, epidemiologist, and concierge. State Representative Aaron Vega was the emcee of the event and Dale Desmarais was the entertaining host.

Peoples Bank was the Bee's Knees Sponsor of the event. Pennyfarthing Investment Management, Health New England, and Holyoke Gas & Electric were Bee-Keepers Sponsors. InThree Consulting, Holyoke Rotary Club, bankESB, Moriarty & Primack, Egan, Flanagan & Cohen, Marcotte Ford, Mountain View Landscapes & Lawncare, Bresnahan Insurance, Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy, and Florence Bank were also sponsors of the event.

This annual event is one of the major fundraisers for the organization

which has been providing academic tutoring and mentoring for over 12 years to Holyoke school age children free of charge.

Homework House serves children, ages 6 – 12, from the Holyoke Public Schools. Since its beginning, it has offered free tutoring and mentoring. Today, it offers services from three different locations in Holyoke. Tutors, many who are volunteers from local colleges and the community, provide individualized instruction to strengthen children's educational learning and retention. During the Covid pandemic, tutoring is continuing virtually.

To find more information about the organization or to make a donation, please visit HomeworkHouseHolyoke.org, email Suzanne Boniface at sboniface@homeworkhouseholyoke.org, or call her at 413-265-1017.

BOOK, from page 1

research into personal correspondence during wartime and into the lives of support soldiers in WWII.

Rebecca Daniels, a university professor for many years, has also had a vital, creative career in theatre. Her groundbreaking book on women directors and the effects of gender on their work is currently still in print (Women Stage Directors Speak: Exploring

the Effects of Gender on Their Work, McFarland, 1996). After her retirement in the summer of 2015, she was finally able to focus all her energies on this book.

Please pre-register by going to https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwkdOCurjorHNR7vIpeaKzJ2MEc_YTeNwYY. You will receive a confirmation email with a link that will allow you to join the event at the scheduled time from your computer or mobile device.

THOMPSON, from page 1

the Southbridge Public Schools as an English Language Arts teacher and over the course of her 11 years there, Ms. Thompson assumed a variety of leadership positions - Instructional Data Coach, Academic Dean, Associate

Principal and Turnaround Principal. Ms. Thompson comes to HPS from her most recent role as Co-Principal of Amherst Regional Middle School. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Massachusetts and her Master's degree in Education from Worcester State University.

For MassWildlife, every day is Endangered Species Day. With over 400 native plants, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates on the Massachusetts Endangered Species List, there is much to be done! This spring, MassWildlife biologists, botanists and ecologists have been braving the cold and damp conditions to

- A peregrine falcon webcam went live from Gillis Bridge in Newburyport. MassWildlife and MassDOT installed a falcon nest box on this bridge last year and a camera was recently added before the nesting season. Viewers will be delighted to see a chick has already hatched in the nest! Peregrine falcons are a species of special concern in Massachusetts and MassWildlife biologists have been helping with their recovery through nest boxes, banding, and population monitoring. Go to Mass.gov/falcon-cams for links to all Massachusetts

Together, we can help endangered species! Join MassWildlife's 30th anniversary celebration of MESA by visiting Mass.gov/30MESA to learn about and support endangered species conservation in Massachusetts.

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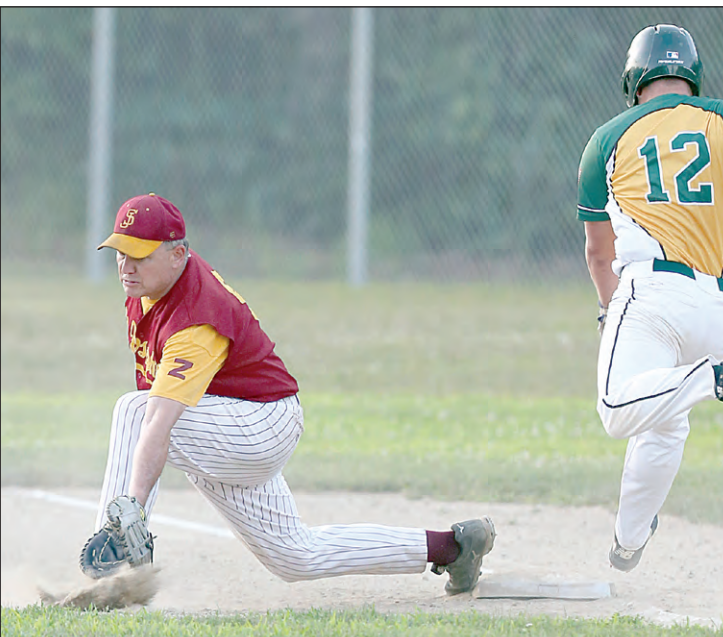


Wilbraham Funeral Home always brings a competitive group to the field.



PeoplesBank would have been going for its eighth consecutive playoff title. The Bankers have been the top team in the league for a long time with powerful hitting and a dedicated pitching staff.

File photos



St. Joseph's has always been a top rival for PeoplesBank and a mainstay in the league based out of Palmer.

Tri-County cancels season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – The executive board for the Tri-County Baseball League has made the decision to cancel the 2020 season despite considering playing a bit later schedule in the summer.

Last Wednesday, the board announced their decision following a meeting of the league.

Karl Oliveira, who runs the St. Joseph's team in the league as well as serves as the league's secretary and treasurer, made the announcement in the form of an email to the league's returning players and coaches.

"The Executive Board of the TCL voted 4-0 not to move forward to play baseball for this year's season," said Oliveira. "The 2020 season for the TCL has been officially canceled."

Due to the concerns set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and the way the league is situated, the league cited a vast number of factors in making the decision to cancel the season.

The league cited player, coach, umpire, and fan safety as the top priorities. Further, the league stated the safety of extended families in making the decision.

Expanding, Oliveira cited certain fields would not have concessions stands or restrooms open to the public,

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State cancels American Legion baseball for 2020

REGION – American Legion state department chairman Richard Paster issued a statement about the cancellation of the 2020 season:

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the National Organization has decided to cancel the 2020 Season effective immediately due to the continuing events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Legion National Organization is implementing the following directives relating to The American Legion National Organization national baseball program for the 2020 season which the Department of Massachusetts hereby incorporates in its instructions for all Post and Outside Sponsored teams in Massachusetts:

1. Any and all previous 2020 American Legion National

Organization memos regarding the national baseball program for the 2020 season are retracted and replaced by the following.

2. The American Legion National Organization has canceled all 2020 season's Regional Tournaments and The American Legion World Series and the Department of Massachusetts hereby cancels all Department Tournaments.

3. Concurrently, The American Legion National Organization has shut down all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season and The Department of Massachusetts hereby shuts down its sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season.

4. This shutdown of all sponsorship and all involvement in baseball for the 2020 season

means that those baseball teams that wish to continue playing 2020 season baseball shall be participating in a sporting event not sponsored, nor endorsed in any manner by The American Legion National Organization and/or The Department of Massachusetts, but sponsored and endorsed solely by the group the team is named.

5. Any baseball team that continues play in the 2020 season sponsored by the group the team is named must understand that its team is not playing as an American Legion National Organization nor Department of Massachusetts "registered" baseball team nor is it playing in an American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program.

6. The complete cancellation of the 2020 American

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London showcase postponed by Basketball Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the inaugural Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase originally scheduled for December 6, 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was expected to feature Marist College vs. University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Kentucky vs. University of Michigan.

"As we navigate these unprecedented times, the Basketball Hall of Fame has remained vigilant in placing health and safety above all else," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Unfortunately, the unknown combination of health, safety, international travel regulations and the economic viability for all parties involved has required us to postpone this highly anticipated event at The O2. We look forward to hosting a fantastic event in 2022."

The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase will now take place Sunday, December 4, 2022 at The O2 arena and will be televised domestically by ESPN / ABC. The event will remain a part of the Kentucky and Michigan three-year series, now facing-off in Ann Arbor in 2021, London in 2022 and Lexington in 2023.

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Submit senior athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are

still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring’s season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

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The Basketball Hall of Fame London Showcase is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. At this point in time, the Basketball Hall of Fame has not cancelled or postponed any domestic collegiate events scheduled for the fall

and winter of 2020.

All fans who have purchased a ticket to the 2020 Hall of Fame London Showcase will receive a full refund automatically to the method used for purchase within 14 business days. During these unprecedented times it may take longer for funds to credit your account. Tickets for the 2022 Hall of Fame London Showcase will go back on-sale for December 4, 2022 in January or February of 2022.

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including sani-cans.

He said the rules from town-to-town would also weigh heavily in the teams’ ability to get home fields for play.

“Some fields may allow you to play on them some fields may not allow you to play on them,” said Oliveira.

One of the biggest factors in even coming up with a modified schedule is the fluidity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ phased approach to re-opening the state. He said games

would not be able to be played until July at the earliest. He said with that timeline, any setback would have been very restrictive to the schedule and could have cost the league and its players a lot of money.

The Tri-County League has been typically a weekday league with just a few weekend games. The National Division, which was brought in using the defunct Full Count League did have some weekend games, but also played many games during the week.

Oliveira also said simple social dis-

Valley Wheel looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league

still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheel-baseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots.

Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward.

The league is hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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Legion National and Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball season means there is no American Legion National or Department of Massachusetts Organization baseball program “national or department rules,” nor are there “national or department guidelines,” as there is no 2020 American Legion national or Department of Massachusetts involvement.

7. In other words, if an American Legion Post or other type of sponsored team has a 2020 season baseball program, then that Post or other team is having a team which is not authorized, nor endorsed by The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organization.”

8. Those teams that conduct this

2020 baseball season program will need to determine their rules, guidelines, schedules, insurance coverage, etc., for their own teams as neither The American Legion National nor Department of Massachusetts Organizations will provide this assistance.

9. The American Legion National Organization has already stopped collecting, and subsequently returned to all teams any and all national baseball team fees to the respective teams and the Department of Massachusetts will similarly return all Department registration fees as soon as practicable.

10. With the shutdown of the online National American Legion Baseball registration portal, The American Legion National Organization has stopped referring baseball teams to the K&K Insurance portal for the 2020 baseball

season.

11. The Posts and/or other teams that decide to have their own programs will need to determine what insurance their teams need in order to play baseball in 2020; neither The American Legion National Organization nor the Department of Massachusetts will provide this assistance.

12. All baseball teams that paid to The American Legion National Organization administrative fees shall have these fees reimbursed to the teams directly by the National Organization, the Department of Massachusetts will have no involvement in such reimbursement.

13. All other situation(s) that may arise during the 2020 baseball season in which a Post or other type of sponsored team that elects to have a 2020 baseball season is a situation for that particular

team as that particular team is solely responsible for its decision as to any situation(s) as neither The American Legion National Organization nor the Department of Massachusetts, its Athletic Committee, their staffs and/or volunteers are not authorized to address or help with any such teams situation(s).

14. K&K Insurance will be advised that the Department of Massachusetts has elected to cancel the 2020 season, that no teams have formed and that all premiums that have been collected thus far are to be forthwith refunded. The Department of Massachusetts will have no involvement in any such refunds.

This is a sad day indeed for American Legion Baseball in Massachusetts and marks only the second time since 1926 that there will be no Program, let’s hope life returns to normal in time for the 2021 season.



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Virtual walk to help those with Parkinson’s disease

BOSTON – The American Parkinson Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter is hosting the APDA Massachusetts Virtual Optimism Walk Sunday, May 31.

One of four virtual Optimism Walks happening on the same day, the Massachusetts walk is part of a nationwide series of Optimism Walks that mobilize and inspire people to step up and help put an end to Parkinson’s disease.

Participants in the APDA Massachusetts Virtual Optimism Walk



will join fellow walkers from coast to coast. After an online celebration and opening ceremony, participants in all four virtual events will walk separately, but together in solidarity for the PD community.

Due to social distancing, participants will be encouraged walk on their own and share photos and comments using #OptimismWalk so together they can still be uplifted by a great sense of community and camaraderie.

“Year after year our Optimism Walk has brought together friends, family and even strangers who are all in this fight together, and that doesn’t change with our virtual format - we are still in this together” said Kristin Stapleton, APDA Massachusetts Chapter president. “The funds raised at our Optimism Walk helps APDA provide much-needed support groups, exercise classes designed specifically for people with PD, which includes a wide array of virtual programming we’ve adapted and created to keep people supported, engaged and informed while they need to stay at home.”

To learn more and register for the APDA Massachusetts Virtual Optimism Walk, visit www.apdaparkinson.org/ma or call 800-651-8466.

HCC Class of 2020 virtual celebration Aug. 20

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College will recognize the Class of 2020 with a virtual celebration that will be available for streaming beginning at noon on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

“We’ll have special guests, a few surprises and a great time celebrating you,” President Christina Royal said in a May 8 email to students.

The video celebration, which is not a virtual commencement, will include congratulatory remarks, student speeches, recognitions, music, and submissions from graduates. Prior to Aug. 20, each member of the Class of 2020 will receive a special surprise package in the mail and be invited to host their own watch parties on Aug. 20 or anytime after to share on social media using the hashtag #HolyokeCC20.

More details will be released on the HCC website as they become available: hcc.edu

HCC had previously announced the cancellation of its traditional Commencement on May 30 at the MassMutual Center because of the COVID-19 pandemic

Instead, HCC will hold a traditional, in-person Commencement honoring both the Class of 2020 and 2021 on June 5, 2021.

“HCC will also mark its 75th anniversary in 2021, so you can look forward to being part of what will be an extra-special ceremony for this historic milestone,” Royal said.

“I know this is not how you envisioned the conclusion of your academic journey with HCC,” Royal said. “However, despite the detours this global pandemic has presented the class of 2020, I believe you possess the strength and resilience to shine, and I promise you will be celebrated like no other graduating class in HCC history. Although your time as an HCC student is coming to an end, remember that there is no end to your relationship with Holyoke Community College. You are now part of a community of 40,000 HCC alumni worldwide, and in your own backyard. They will be your colleagues, future classmates, business partners, and lifelong friends. HCC remains a part of you always.”

“I am so impressed with each of you and the resilience you have demonstrated in completing your studies. I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity to celebrate - creatively, virtually, and eventually, in person - because you truly deserve it. I wish you the very best in these final days of the semester.”

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Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.

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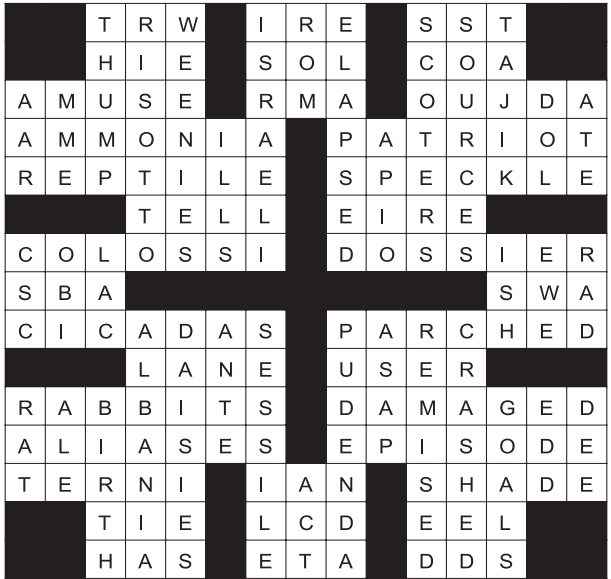
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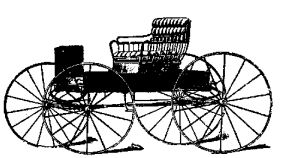
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The significance of the float is that Roger Reidy, Sr. used to build floats for the parade and on PeoplesBank's 100th anniversary they built a multi-tier cake that opened and released a bunch of balloons, so his son, Roger Reidy, Jr. made one for the birthday that he pulled behind his lawnmower at the birthday parade.



Roger Reidy, Jr. drives a lawn mower with a float for his father.

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